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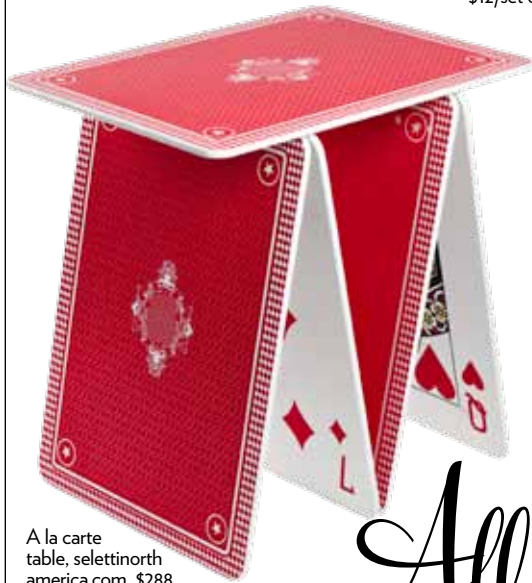
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White Hot

Unglazed porcelain bottles, frames and other decorative items for the home are everywhere this season. The smooth matte finish lends accessories a touchable quality and puts the spotlight on the details. Mismatched white ceramics make an eye-catching display on a mantel, shelf or table. "They look especially dramatic against dark woods or grouped with natural objects like pinecones and branches," says Bradley Duncan of HomArt, a California-based design company. See Buyer's Guide, page 158.

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A la carte table, selettnorth.com, \$288

Bridge mix snack dishes, Chef's Warehouse, 650-553-4155, \$12/set of 4



All

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Out

Get a winning look with playing card-inspired accessories.



Spade paperweight, katespade.com, \$38

Club pouf, hudsongoods.com, \$150



Playing card suits coasters, waldoworks.net, \$11/set of 4



Eclectic furnishings, handcrafted objects and personal touches lend character to a home.

PRO pointers



Designers **Mark** and **Sally Bailey** share a passion for artfully designed interiors in *Handmade Home* (Ryland Peters & Small). Here, the couple offer their decorating know-how.

SHOPPING SAVVY → To find unique objects, visit galleries, craft fairs and artists' open studio days.

SIMPLE PLEASURES → Enjoy your beautiful pottery, baskets and vintage tools by using them every day.

BALANCING ACT → Layer contrasting textures, like smooth hardwood floors and a shaggy wool rug, to add warmth to a room.

MASS APPEAL → Avoid a cluttered, haphazard look by grouping art and objects by theme or color.

Give your space personal flair, DIY-style. Stick a Velcro-backed monogram, number or animal motif onto cozy, colorful felt pillows. Switch them out seasonally or whenever the mood strikes. Letterman pillows, tlockman.com, \$28 for 12" pillow and \$8 per appliqué.

